

Barcia	Gilman	Moran (VA)
Barrett (NE)	Gonzalez	Morella
Barrett (WI)	Gordon	Murtha
Barton	Goss	Nadler
Bass	Granger	Napolitano
Bateman	Green (TX)	Neal
Becerra	Green (WI)	Ney
Bentsen	Greenwood	Northup
Bereuter	Gutierrez	Norwood
Berkley	Gutknecht	Nussle
Berman	Hall (OH)	Oberstar
Berry	Hansen	Obey
Biggert	Hastings (FL)	Ortiz
Bishop	Hill (IN)	Ose
Blagojevich	Hilliard	Owens
Bliley	Hinches	Oxley
Blumenauer	Hinojosa	Packard
Blunt	Hobson	Pallone
Boehlert	Hoeffel	Pascrell
Boehner	Holden	Pastor
Bonior	Hoolley	Payne
Borski	Houghton	Pelosi
Boswell	Hoyer	Peterson (PA)
Boucher	Hunter	Phelps
Boyd	Hutchinson	Pickering
Brady (PA)	Hyde	Pickett
Brown (FL)	Inslee	Pomeroy
Brown (OH)	Isakson	Porter
Burr	Jackson (IL)	Portman
Buyer	Jackson-Lee	Price (NC)
Callahan	(TX)	Pryce (OH)
Calvert	Jefferson	Quinn
Camp	John	Rahall
Capps	Johnson (CT)	Rangel
Capuano	Johnson, E. B.	Regula
Cardin	Johnson, Sam	Reyes
Carson	Jones (OH)	Reynolds
Castle	Kanjorski	Riley
Chambliss	Kaptur	Rivers
Clay	Kelly	Rodriguez
Clement	Kennedy	Roemer
Clyburn	Kildee	Rogers
Condit	Kilpatrick	Rothman
Conyers	Kind (WI)	Roukema
Cooksey	King (NY)	Roybal-Allard
Costello	Klecza	Rush
Cox	Klink	Ryan (WI)
Coyne	Knollenberg	Ryun (KS)
Cramer	Kolbe	Sabo
Crowley	Kuykendall	Sanchez
Cummings	LaFalce	Sanders
Cunningham	Lampson	Sandlin
Davis (FL)	Lantos	Sawyer
Davis (IL)	Larson	Saxton
Davis (VA)	Latham	Schakowsky
Deal	LaTourette	Scott
DeFazio	Lazio	Serrano
DeGette	Leach	Shaw
Delahunt	Lee	Sherman
DeLauro	Levin	Sherwood
DeLay	Lewis (CA)	Shimkus
Deutsch	Lewis (GA)	Shows
Diaz-Balart	Linder	Simpson
Dicks	Lipinski	Sisisky
Dingell	Lowe	Skeen
Dixon	Lucas (KY)	Skelton
Doggett	Luther	Slaughter
Dooley	Maloney (CT)	Smith (MI)
Doyle	Maloney (NY)	Smith (NJ)
Dreier	Markey	Smith (TX)
Dunn	Martinez	Smith (WA)
Edwards	Mascara	Snyder
Ehlers	Matsui	Spence
Ehrlich	McCarthy (MO)	Spratt
Emerson	McCarthy (NY)	Stabenow
English	McCollum	Stark
Eshoo	McCrery	Stearns
Etheridge	McDermott	Stenholm
Evans	McGovern	Strickland
Everett	McHugh	Stupak
Farr	McInnis	Sweeney
Fattah	McIntosh	Talent
Finler	McIntyre	Tanner
Fletcher	McKeon	Tauscher
Foley	McNulty	Taylor (MS)
Forbes	Meehan	Thomas
Ford	Meek (FL)	Thompson (CA)
Fossella	Meeks (NY)	Thompson (MS)
Fowler	Menendez	Thornberry
Frank (MA)	Millender	Thune
Franks (NJ)	McDonald	Thurman
Frelinghuysen	Miller (FL)	Tiahrt
Frost	Miller, George	Tierney
Gallegly	Minge	Toomey
Gedden	Mink	Towns
Gekas	Moakley	Trafficant
Gephardt	Mollohan	Turner
Gilchrest	Moore	Udall (CO)
Gillmor	Moran (KS)	Udall (NM)

Upton	Waxman	Wilson
Velazquez	Weiner	Wise
Vento	Weldon (PA)	Wolf
Visclosky	Weller	Woolsey
Walden	Wexler	Wu
Walsh	Weygand	Wynn
Waters	Whitfield	Young (AK)
Watt (NC)	Wicker	Young (FL)

## NOT VOTING—9

Bono	Dickey	Holt
Brown (CA)	Engel	Lofgren
Clayton	Hilleary	Olver

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Messrs. FRANKS of New Jersey, NEY, and BLAGOJEVICH changed their vote from "aye" to "no."

Messrs. SHAYS, WATTS of Oklahoma, HERGER, PITTS, HULSHOF, EWING, GARY MILLER of California, SCARBOROUGH, SUNUNU, and Ms. MCKINNEY changed their vote from "no" to "aye."

So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, earlier today, I was unavoidably detained on official business in my congressional district in central New Jersey. During that time, I missed three rollcall votes.

Had I been here, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall No. 185 and "no" on rollcall Nos. 186 and 187.

The CHAIRMAN. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 19 printed in Part A of House Report 106-175.

## AMENDMENT NO. 19 OFFERED BY MR. SKELTON

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Chairman, I offer an amendment.

The CHAIRMAN. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Part A amendment No. 19 offered by Mr. SKELTON:

## In section 1006—

(1) strike subsection (a) (page 270, lines 21 through 24);

(2) in the section heading (page 270, line 20), strike "**BUDGETING FOR**" and insert "**SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FOR**"; and

(3) in subsection (b), strike "(b) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FOR OPERATIONS IN YUGOSLAVIA.—".

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to House Resolution 200, the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SKELTON) and a Member opposed each will control 15 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SKELTON).

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, I find it rather ironic; no, I find it rather sad that in the wake of a military victory for America and for the NATO forces, we find ourselves in this excellent authorization bill discussing language that cuts off funding for the troops on September 30 of this year.

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The amendment which I offer will delete subsection A of section 1006, while leaving in place subsection B. Subsection B requires the President to request supplemental appropriations in

order to conduct combat or peace-keeping operations in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. Subsection B, standing alone, adequately protects the funding authorized by this bill without running the risk of undermining America's and NATO's military and peace-keeping efforts in Kosovo.

Mr. Chairman, 2 weeks ago, when we were first scheduled to take this bill up, I would have argued that the language in this bill sent the wrong message at the wrong time. Now the withdrawal of Serb forces, which is under way from Kosovo today, the message that we would send by rejecting my amendment would be a horrific message. The timing of the message would make it even worse.

We must pass this amendment so that we can proceed further and not cut off the troops for the wonderful job that they have done. We cannot cut them off on September 30 of this year.

Mr. Chairman, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ORTIZ).

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in support of the Skelton amendment to the defense authorization bill, an amendment this House should pass for many reasons.

The gentleman's amendment strips the present language out of the bill which prohibits funds being expended in Yugoslavia after September 30, 1999. The current language in the bill does not reflect the best that this country and this Congress can offer in our defense policy bill.

The House Committee on Armed Services struggled long and hard to get this bill to the floor. It is generally an outstanding bill, a very good bill. But this language will garner a presidential veto, and our purpose here is to pass a bill that the President will sign, as well as safeguard our troops and the security interests of the United States of America.

Leaving the restrictive language on Yugoslavia in this bill puts its passage in jeopardy, and that is bad enough. But worse, it puts our troops in jeopardy, those young men and women fighting for the strategic interests of the United States.

Mr. Chairman, we cannot try to run this conflict, this war, like we run a regular business. We cannot do that. We are dealing with a man who is a vicious killer. Soldiers in the field, I do not think will appreciate it if we do not support this amendment.

Lastly, we would be terribly ill-advised to include this language in our bill because it sends a mixed message to Milosevic, the latest hate-monger of the 20th century. The very last person to whom we want to provide aid and comfort is Milosevic, a devoted enemy of peace in Central Europe.

I urge my friends and colleagues to support this amendment.

Mr. Chairman, the Government of the Republic of China announced on June 7 that it would provide a grant aid equivalent to about US\$300 million to help the Kosovar refugees. The aid will consist of emergency support for food, shelters, medical care, and education for